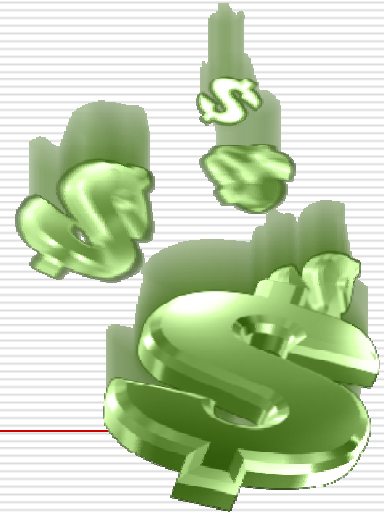


Title I Pre-K: Stimulus \$



Carla Garrett

Title I Preschool Consultant

Office of School Readiness: DPI

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009: Title I, Part A Recovery Funds for Grants to LEAs

- Opportunity to implement innovative strategies to improve education for at-risk children
-

Intent of Congress

- ❑ Use of Title I funds for early childhood programs and activities
 - ❑ Commitment to expand early childhood educational opportunities and create more seamless web of high quality services for families
-

Potential Uses of Funds

- ☐ Strengthen and expand early childhood education by providing resources to align Title I Pre-K with state early learning standards for grades K-3
 - ☐ Expand high quality Title I Pre-K programs
-

AARA Guidance: DOE (April 2009)

- ☐ Use of Funding
- ☐ Reporting Requirements
- ☐ Allocations

www.ed.gov

Flexible Funding

- Title I funds can be used for preschool or to supplement or expand other early childhood education programs, such as state-funded prekindergarten, Head Start, Even Start, or Early Reading First.
 - Title I funds may be used in conjunction with existing programs.
-

Examples of Pre-K Quality Investments

- ☐ Professional Development
 - ☐ Teacher Salaries (Increase or Maintain)
 - ☐ Research Based Curriculum and Alignment with K-3 Standards
 - ☐ Instructional Materials
 - ☐ Full Day
-

Examples of Pre-K Quality Investments (continued)

- ☐ Comprehensive Services
 - ☐ Longitudinal Data
 - ☐ Family Involvement
 - ☐ Assessment – Monitoring the Children's Progress
-

Suggestions

- ❑ Build relationships with early childhood partners
 - ❑ Champion early education using research and data
 - ❑ Dollars are flexible
 - ❑ Build on existing resources in communities
 - ❑ Invest in coordinated district-wide solutions
 - ❑ Link vulnerable children and families to family supports and health services
 - ❑ Leverage state and federal funds—and capitalize on funding opportunities.
-

Use Title I Stimulus \$ for Pre-K: It Is A No-Brainer!!!

- ❑ Benefits of Pre-K Exist Well Into Adulthood – Good Child Outcomes
 - ❑ Rare Opportunity for a Great Investment!
 - ❑ Reduces Spending on Remedial Funding (also funded by Title I)
 - ❑ States are EXPECTED to Use Some of the \$ for Early Childhood
-

And WHY Should We Spend Stimulus \$ on Title I Pre-K???



For the Children, Of Course!!!

Resources

- ❑ Serving Preschool Children Under Title I, Non-Regulatory Guidance @ www.ed.gov
 - ❑ American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 @ www.ed.gov
 - ❑ www.preknow.org
 - ❑ www.clasp.org
 - ❑ Title I Preschool Consultant: Carla Garrett @ carla.garrett@ncmail.net; cell: 336.504.2037
-